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SUMMARY: SWEDISH OFFICIALS RE-EMPHASIZED GOS SUPPORT FOR
US-PROPOSED FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY MEETING AND INSIST FOREIGN
MINISTER ANDERSSON'S PRESS STATEMENT IN PARIS SHOULD NOT BE
INTERPRETED AS SIDING WITH FRANCE ON THIS ISSUE. END SUMMARY

1. SWEDISH AUTHORITIES, ALARMED THAT ANDERSSON'S STATEMENT
IN PARIS (REF B) MIGHT BE TAKEN IN WASHINGTON AS SWEDEN SIDING
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WITH FRANCE AGAINST U.S., ARE GOING TO UNUSUAL LENGTHS TO

SCOTCH THAT IDEA.

2. MFA ACTING DIRECTOR OF EUROPE/AMERICA POLITICAL AFFAIRS (ELIASSON) IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JANUARY 24 ECHOED EVERLOF'S COMMENTS. HE THEN TELEPHONED EMBOFF DURING EVENING TO UNDERLINE GOS POSITION, SAYING HE WAS TALKING FROM "HIGH AUTHORITY," WHICH HE IMPLIED WAS PRIME MINISTER PALME.

3. ELIASSON SAID: A) GOS DID NOT YET HAVE TEXT OF ANDERSSON STATEMENT TO PRESS AFTER JOBERT MEETING; B) WHATEVER STATEMENT MIGHT SAY, WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND GOS HAS POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD WASHINGTON MEETING; C) RE FRENCH PROPOSAL, GOS WILL SUPPORT FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR UN ENERGY MEETING, A POSITION WHICH ARISES FROM SWEDEN'S LONG-STANDING ADVOCACY OF GREATER USE OF UN TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, OF WHICH ENERGY CRISIS IS SUITABLE EXAMPLE; D) GOS DOES NOT UNDERSTAND FRENCH PROPOSAL AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN APPROACH BUT BELIEVES THE TWO APPROACHES CAN BE USEFUL IN DEALING WITH A GLOBAL PROBLEM.

4. I SAW MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (WACHTMEISTER) SOCIALLY EVENING OF JANUARY 24. HE WENT OVER SAME GROUND AS DID EVERLOF AND ELIASSON AND SOUGHT TO REPRESENT FRENCH PROPOSAL AS SIMPLY A HELPFUL MOVE TO GIVE LDCS A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ENERGY DISCUSSION. I SAID PRESIDENT'S LETTER DID NOT OVERLOOK LDCS BY ANY MEANS, AND I HOPED NOBODY AROUND HERE WAS SO NAIVE AS TO THINK FRENCH WERE JUST TIDYING UP AFTER OUR OVERSIGHTS.

5. WACHTMEISTER IMMEDIATELY CONCEDED FRENCH PROBABLY HAD OTHER MOTIVES AND, BY INDIRECTION, SUGGESTED THAT ANDERSSON MAY HAVE GOT CAUGHT IN THE FRENCH WEB. HE SAID IT IS THE FIRM POSITION OF GOS THAT IT HOPES FEBRUARY 11 MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE WITH ALL INVITEES PRESENT AND THAT IT WILL MAKE A SOLID START ON THE ENERGY PROBLEM. HE SAID AFTER FEBRUARY 11 MEETING IT WILL BE TIME TO CONSIDER WHERE WE GO NEXT AND HOW TO BRING LDCS INTO PICTURE.

6. HE SAID ANDERSSON'S STATEMENT DEFINITELY WAS DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE TWO STRONG SWEDISH CONVICTIONS: THAT UN SHOULD GET CONFIDENTIAL

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INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH GLOBAL PROBLEMS, AND THAT LDCS AND SMAPLER CONSUMING COUNTRIES SHOULD GET FAIR SHAKE IN HANDLING OF GLOBAL ENERGY PROBLEM. HE COMMENTED WRYLY THAT OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ONLY SWEDEN, "THE ONE BIG CONSUMER," WILL NOT BE PRESENT IN WASHINGTON. THEN ENSUED A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON PROS AND CONS OF UN ENGAGEMENT IN THE PROBLEM WHEREIN I SET FORTH U.S. VIEWS AS PER REF A.

7. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT SWEDES ARE HURTING FROM THEIR
EXCLUSION FROM WASHINGTON PARLEY. IT IS PROBABLE THAT
JOBERT TOUCHED SKILLFULLY ON THAT TENDER NERVE. IT IS OBVIOUS
THAT PALME IS DETERMINED NOT TO LET THIS ISSUE RUIN THE CHANCE
TO GET U.S.-SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BACK TO NORMAL.
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